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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN SEDALIA IN AQUA MISSOURI RATE REQUESTS

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Sedalia, Missouri** on **August 28, 2006** to receive customer comment on water and sewer rate cases filed by Aqua Missouri, Inc. (Aqua Missouri or the Company). The hearing schedule is set out below.

Media Forum
Charles E. Yeater Learning Center
State Fair Community College
3201 West 16th Street
5:30 pm PSC Staff Information Session
6:00 pm local public hearing begins*

**** The local public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm or until all those wishing to testify have been given an opportunity to do so, whichever is sooner.***

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Aqua Missouri is seeking to change its water and sewer rates for all 11 of its service areas in Cole, Pettis, Greene, Benton, Taney, Christian, Stone and Barry counties.

Examples of monthly customer bills for a residential customer in the Company's Maplewood service area that uses 5,000 gallons of water a month, and a full time residential customer in the Company's White Branch service area, which has an unmetered flat rate, are set out in the table below. These example bills are based upon the Company's current rates and the rates agreed-upon by the Company and the PSC Staff that resulted from a Staff audit of the Company's books and records.

| Service Area | Type of Service | Monthly Bill at Current Rates | Monthly Bill at Company & PSC Staff Agreed-Upon Rates |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Maplewood | Water | \$10.20 | \$15.95 |
| Maplewood | Sewer | \$12.93 | \$20.80 |
| White Branch | Water | \$16.88 | \$29.93 |

The rate cases in which the increased rates are being considered are currently before the Public Service Commission. The five Commissioners have not yet decided the cases.

Aqua Missouri serves approximately 385 water and sewer customers in its Maplewood service area in Pettis County near Sedalia and approximately 190 water customers in its White Branch service area in Benton County near Warsaw.